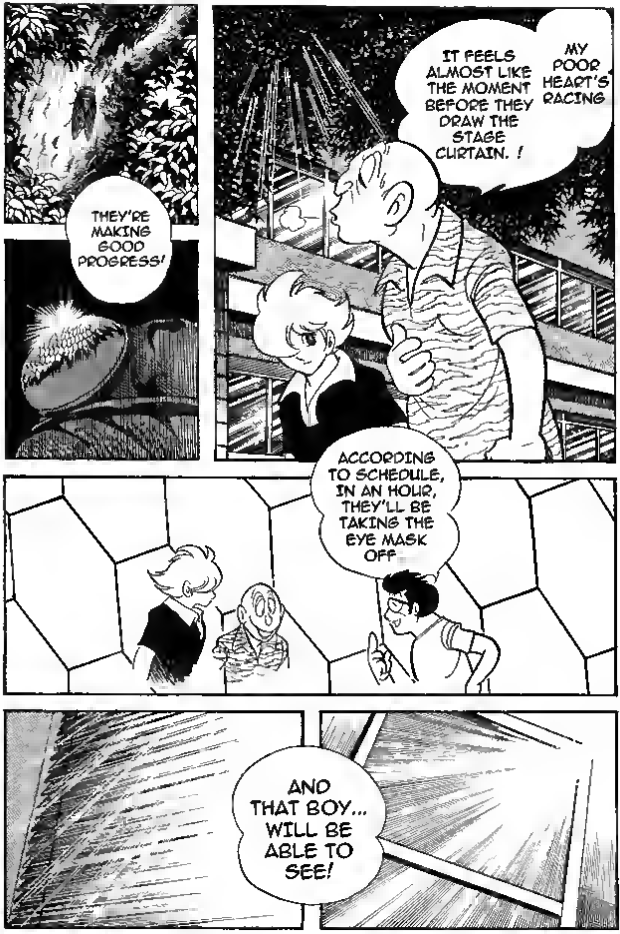
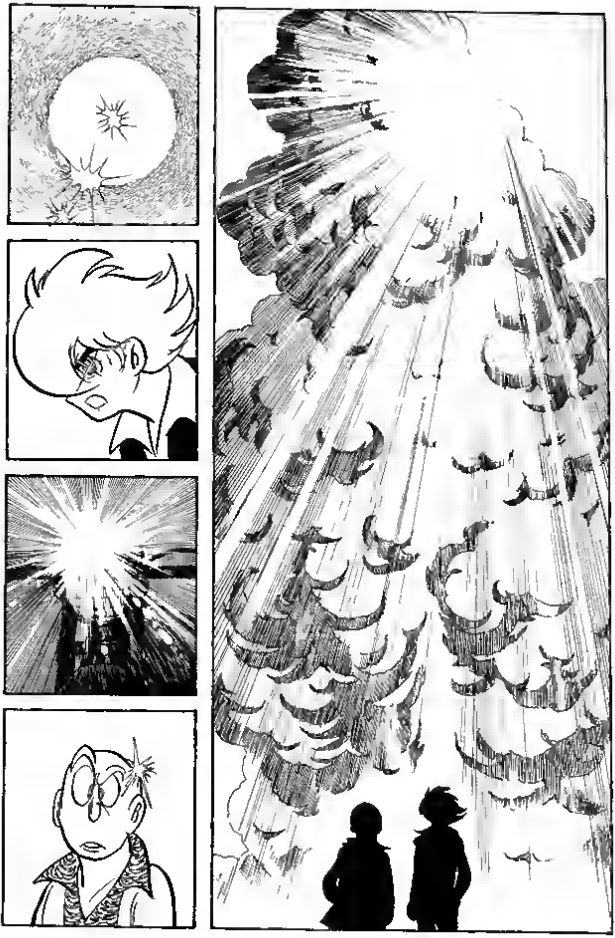
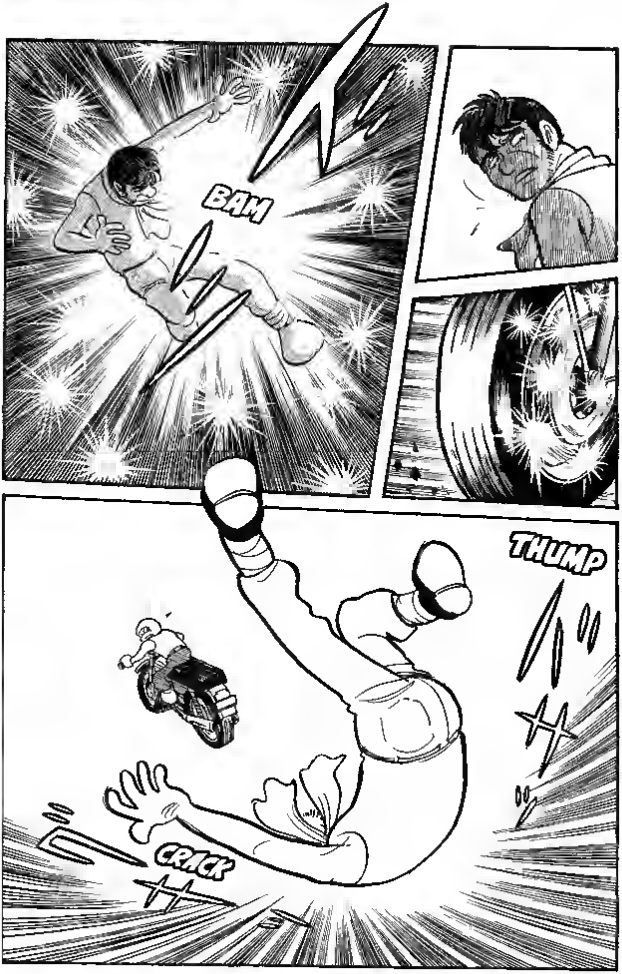
FATHER AND CHILD

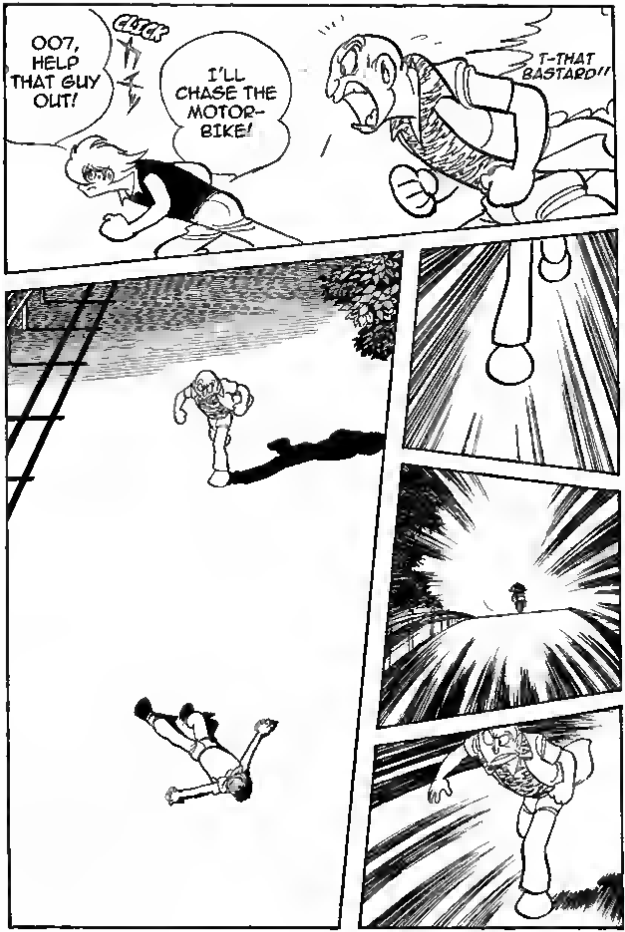
WELL, TODAY'S THE DAY
YEAH


THEY'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS!
IT FEELS ALMOST LIKE THE MOMENT BEFORE THEY DRAW THE STAGE CURTAIN. !
MY POOR HEART'S RACING
ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE, IN AN HOUR, THEY'LL BE TAKING THE EYE MASK OFF
AND THAT BOY... WILL BE ABLE TO SEE!

THAT DAY...
WAS DEFI-NITELY—
SILENCE
A DAY JUST LIKE THIS.




BAM
THUMP
CRACK


007, HELP THAT GUY OUT!
CLICK
I'LL CHASE THE MOTOR-BIKE!
T-THAT BASTARD!!

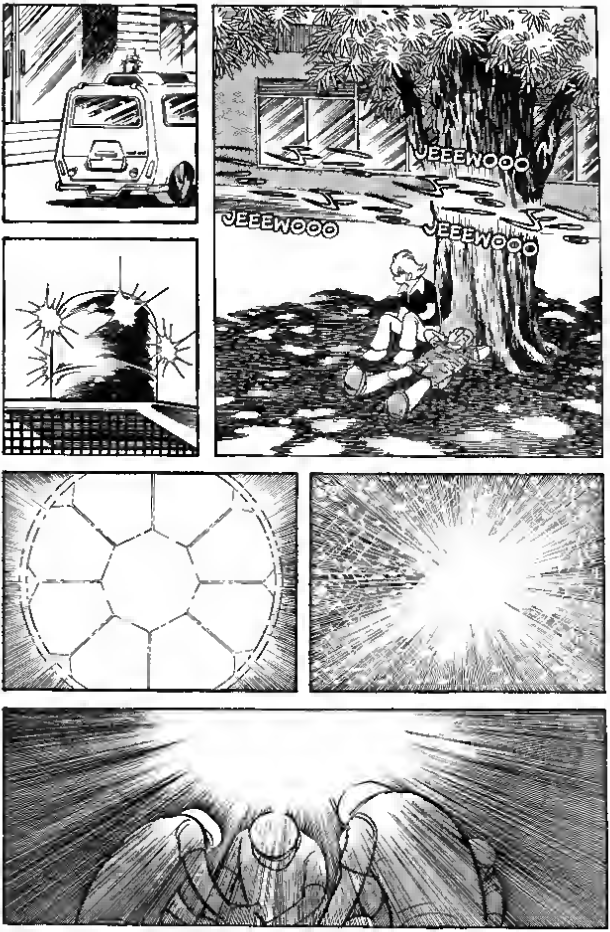
HUH?!
G-GIVE MY SON MY EYES..!
I MANAGED TO CATCH THAT KID AND TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE...
AND I CALLED FOR AN AMBULANCE.
THAT MAN SAID SOMETHING TO ME...
HE ASKED ME TO LOOK AFTER HIS SON!
...M-MY BOY... HE CAN'T SEE..
BUT... IF THEY TRANS-PLANT MY CORNEAS PLEASE!!

I WANT HIM TO BE STRONG
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET BY ON HIS OWN IF HE CAN'T SEE...
...
IF YOU DIE... WHAT'LL HAPPEN TO YOUR SON?!
ALL RIGHT, I'LL DO THAT FOR YOU...
BUT STILL HANG IN THERE!
I DID MY BEST TO MAKE HIM A STRONG BOY...!
HEH HEH HEH... WELL... DON'T WORRY..
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER...
BUT, MORE THAN THAT...
IF HE COULD SEE THIS COLORFUL WORLD... I'D LIKE TO SHOW HIM...!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GIVE HIM MY EYES...
IT SHOULD BE ENOUGH FOR THE OPERATION THAT'S ABOUT THREE YEARS WORTH OF PAY...
YOUR SAVINGS BOOK!
HM?!
IN... IN MY POCKET...
THAT'S THE REASON THAT I WORKED SO HARD...

YEAH, THAT'S KOUJI!
IS THIS YOUR BOY?!
S-SO DON'T TELL HIM THEY'RE MINE.
A-AND AT LEAST FOR A LITTLE WHILE... DON'T TELL HIM ABOUT MY DEATH.
K-KOUJI... I DON'T KNOW WHY HE FELT SO BAD... WHEN I OFFERED HIM MY EYES...
EVEN IF IT DIDN'T TURN OUT LIKE THIS... I WOULD'VE DIED SOON ANYWAYS...
N-NO... IT'S USELESS... IT'S FAR TOO LATE FOR ME!
THAT'S ENOUGH... YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK ANYMORE... THE AMBULANCE WILL BE HERE SOON!
W-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!

H... HEY!
COUGH
COUGH
AND AND BECAUSE OF IT, I'VE I'VE FORGIVEN THAT KID ON THE BIKE "UGH"
I I CAUGHT A SICKNESS. THAT DIDN'T HAVE A HOPE OF BEING CURED..!
THEY LOOKED ABOUT THE SAME AGE
UGH
UGH
THAT... THAT KID WAS ALMOST LIKE KOUJI...
...!!
DA
...DAD!
AH!

"TRANSFORM"
P... PLEASE!
KO KOUJI JUST. I JUST A I WANTED GLIMPSE YOU TO SEE. MY FACE. JUST ONCE !!
JEEEWOOO
SILENCE
JEEEWOOO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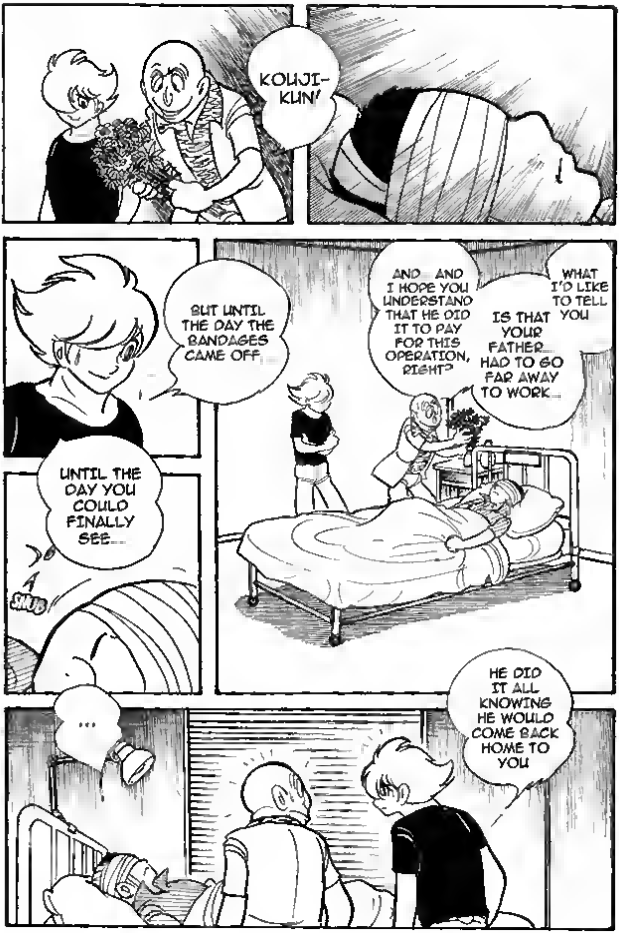
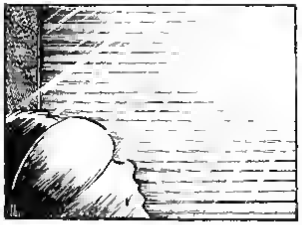
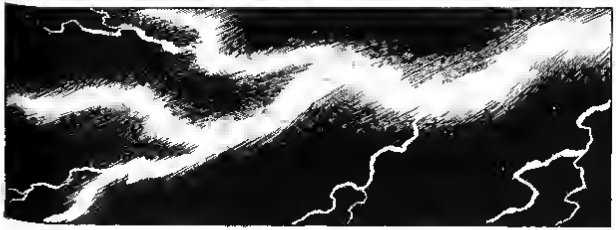

KOUJI-KUN!
BUT UNTIL THE DAY THE BANDAGES CAME OFF...
UNTIL THE DAY YOU COULD FINALLY SEE...
A SMILE
AND... AND I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT HE DID IT TO PAY FOR THIS OPERATION, RIGHT?
WHAT I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU IS THAT YOUR FATHER... HAD TO GO FAR AWAY TO WORK...
...
HE DID IT ALL KNOWING HE WOULD COME BACK HOME TO YOU

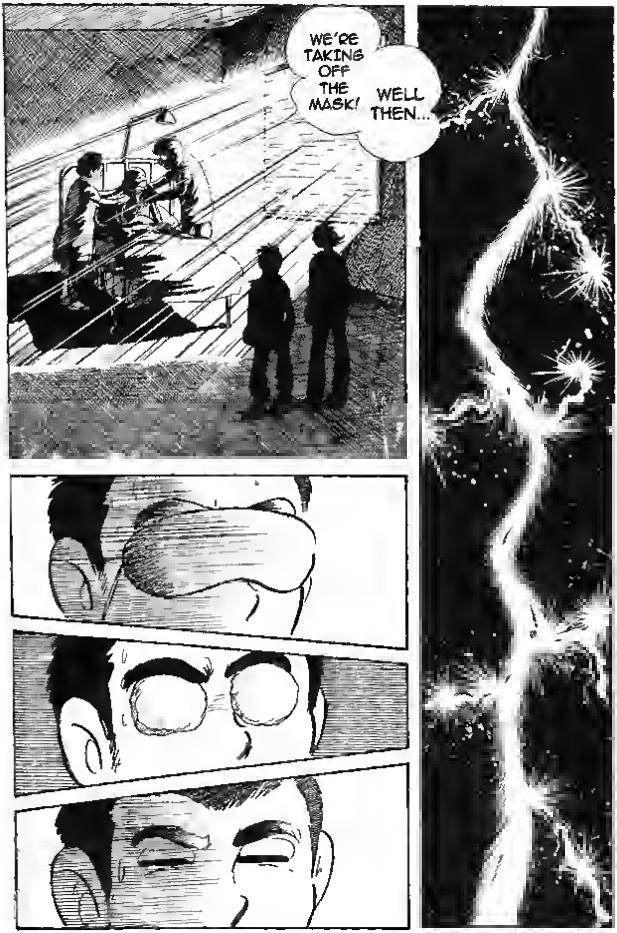
RUMBLE
RUSTLE
AW
EVEN THOUGH THEY SAY HE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO SEE
LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO RAIN TONIGHT!
RUMBLE

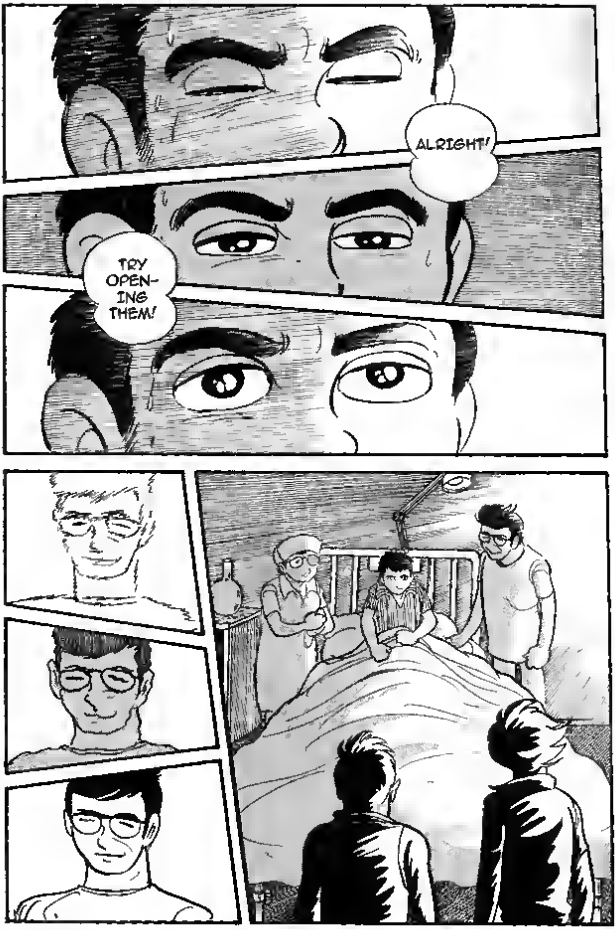
I WANTED HIM TO SEE THE BRIGHT SUNLIGHT, NOT A THUNDER-STORM!



DRIP
DRIP




WE'RE TAKING OFF THE MASK!
WELL THEN...

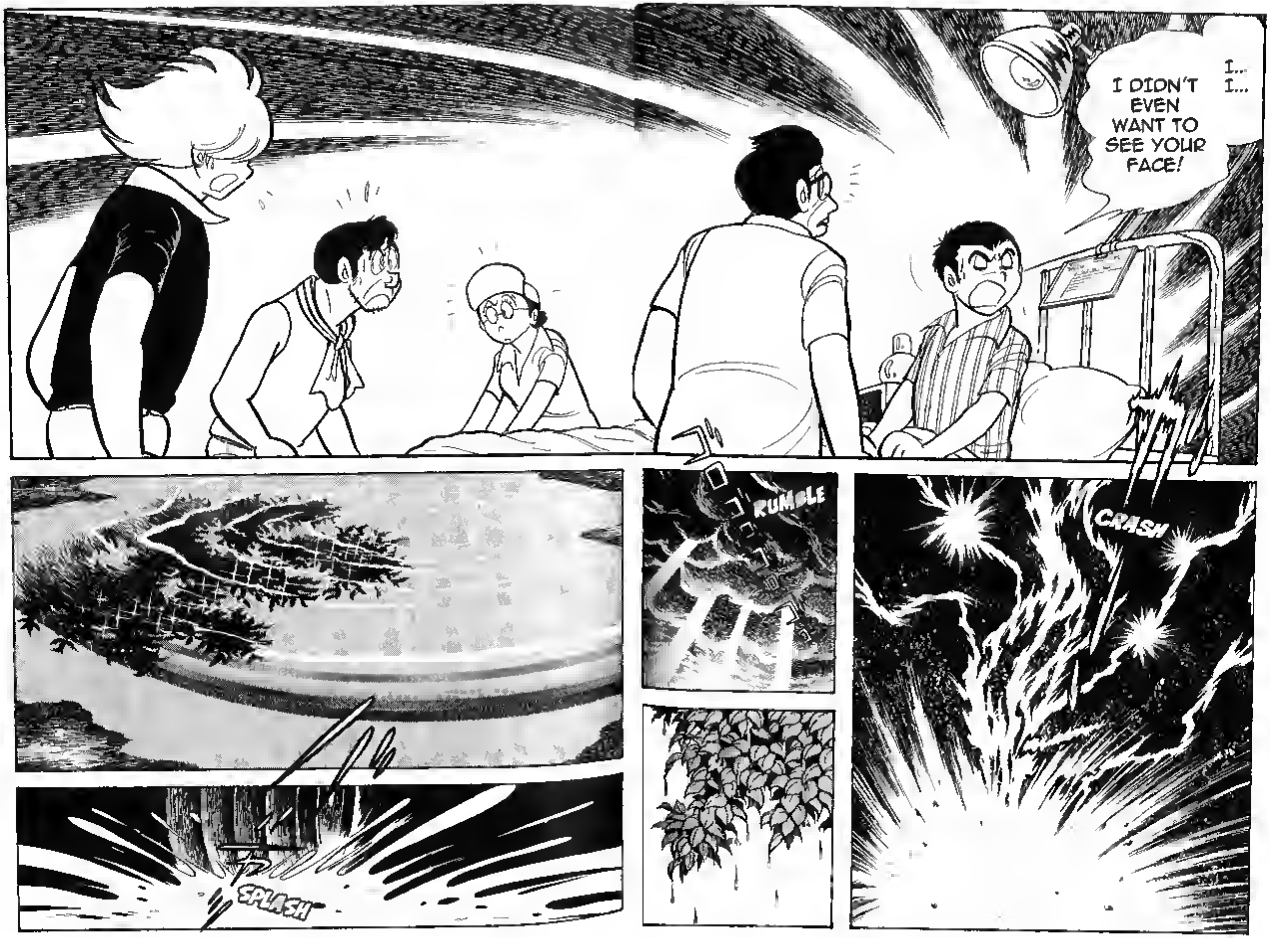

ALRIGHT!
TRY OPEN-ING THEM!

BRIGHT
ヒカリ
ヒカリ
BRIGHT

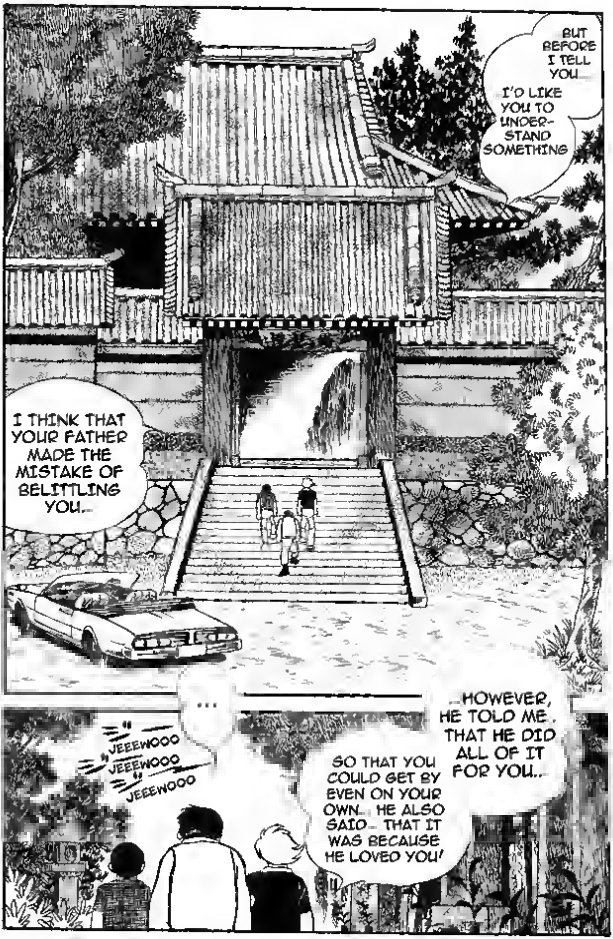
YOU CAN SEE HIM, RIGHT?!
HE IS YOUR FATHER!
KOUJI !

"HEY, KOUJI...
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE ME SOME TEA"!
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME I WAS BEING A BABY?!
WHEN I ASKED TO HOLD YOUR HAND...
YOU WERE LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME WHEN I COULDN'T SEE!
YOU IDIOT!
BRIGHT

"WHAT... YOU STILL CAN'T MAKE SUPPER...?!
...YOU IMBE-CILE!"
"ARE YOU AFRAID TO RUN?!"
EVEN THOUGH I COULDN'T SEE...
YOU WANTED TO SHOW EVERYONE HOW WELL I COULD DO!


I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO SEE YOUR FACE!
I... I...
RUMBLE
CRASH
SPLASH

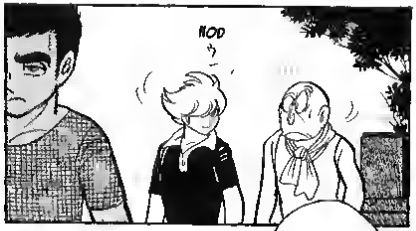
KOUJI-KUN...
YOU'RE BEING RUDE TO YOUR FATHER!
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...
WHAT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU... PROBABLY WON'T BE AS MUCH OF A SHOCK...


BUT BEFORE I TELL YOU...
I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDER-STAND SOMETHING
I THINK THAT YOUR FATHER MADE THE MISTAKE OF BELITTLING YOU...
...
...HOWEVER, HE TOLD ME, THAT HE DID ALL OF IT FOR YOU...
SO THAT YOU COULD GET BY EVEN ON YOUR OWN... HE ALSO SAID... THAT IT WAS BECAUSE HE LOVED YOU!
JEEEWOOO
JEEEWOOO
JEEEWOOO

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND JUST HOW HARD HE WORKED, SO THAT HE COULD LOOK YOU IN THE EYE.
WHAT I MEAN IS...
HE WORKED AND WORKED UNTIL HE BECAME ILL...
...AND THEN...
...HE DIED!
WH-WHAT?!
YOU EXPECT ME TO... WAIT, THEN WHO ARE YOU...?!
ME...?

THE CORNEAS YOU RECEIVED WERE YOUR FATHER'S!
WHO WAS THERE TO WITNESS YOUR FATHER'S LAST MOMENTS!
WELL I'M AN EXPERT AT 'TRANSFORMATIONS'...
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD
TRANSFORM ONE MORE TIME?
I... I WANT YOU TO DO ME A FAVOR
...

DAD!
DAD!
...DAD!
...DAD!
WAAAAAH!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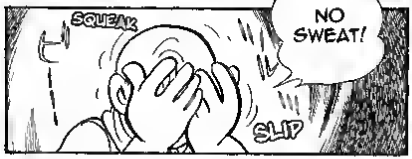
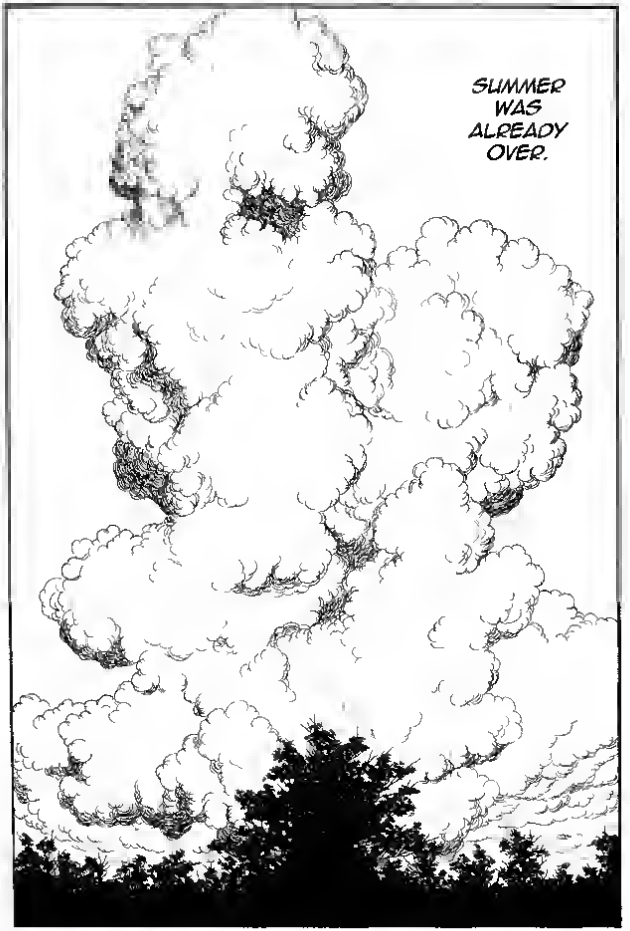

SQUEAK
NO SWEAT!
SLIP

CLENCH

...!


SUMMER WAS ALREADY OVER.